

## THE SCOTCH STRIKERS

THEY MAY BE CANNY, BUT THEY  
CERTAINLY ARE PROUD.

They Decline to Accept Assistance from  
London Tradesmen—"General" Food  
Commissioner Smith and "In Dark  
England"—Notes from Constantinople,  
Tripoli, Armenia, Paris and London

LONDON, DEC. 27.—The English trad-  
e unions have been officially informed that  
the Scotch strikers are not in a position to  
present needs, and the principal ad-  
vised is in the way of preventing  
the Scotch companies from obtaining men-  
tals the strikers' places. A party of men  
engaged by a free-labor office at Wig-  
ton have been left for Scotland under  
threats and persuasion at the last moment  
have prevented them from starting. The  
Scottish companies have retained the free  
labor offices in the principal cities of En-  
gland to obtain men for the week that  
the strikers have abandoned, but so far  
though many thousands are out of work

the high altitude of the Welsh railway near the summit of Snowdon. The English railway men are generally so ignorant that the Scottish railway high officials, who are in touch with companies waiting to see the result.

Friends of "General" Booth claim that the emigration of Commissioner Smith is the result of the fact that he is the author of "In Darkest England," incidents in a plan formed and persisted in by the British Government. The Established Church to break down Booth's scheme for the relief of suffering men, and that he be removed from the office by showing the inadequacy of his relief methods, and by offering a pension to entice him to leave, and thus proving really effective.

But the "General" avers that he is the author of every material idea in his book, and that the Government is entirely wrong in accepting credit for authors who are a last effort made to break him down.

Commissioner Smith is accused of jealousy of Booth and also of having been deceived by the latter, and of being prospected by a salaried position while of the regular church mission group in London in the case of London. They admit that there is prominent evidence that the Established Church have indicated their methods, but they claim that the Government is not to be blamed for the benefited clergy are bitterly opposed to the army. It is likely that contri-

A dispatch from Constantinople says that French Government has renewed its subsidies to the Sultan for the relief of the Christians in Africa, and, at the same time, asks for reasons for the extensive Turkish preparations being made by Turkey authorities in Tripoli.

Large numbers of Armenians are emigrating to Great Britain and Russia to escape the intolerable persecution which they are subjected by the Turks and Kurds.

The London public seems to be losing its fondness for Christmas pantomimes. Only one West End theatre—Dr. Lane—presents this once indispensable attraction this year. Even in the suburbs...

The Paris *Salon* will have a formidable rival this year owing to quarrels and arrivals and departures of artists.

The English army authorities are organizing a corps of signalers for army, the recruits being selected from the best of the army and the best being given to those trained in telegraphy.

Additional particulars from China of the destruction by fire of the steamer Shanghai near Woo Hoo, in the province of Szech-Hoo, about 50 miles from Nanking, are as follows:—The vessel was much greater than was at first supposed. First reports represented that the crew consisted of 100 men, but it was afterwards ascertained that there were about sixty native deck hands were supposed to have been either burned or drowned, and that the survivors escaped the flames. It now appears that over two hundred human beings lost their lives and that they were all drowned. The vessel was carrying a large number of soldiers and crew the moment the fire alarm was sounded, and became terrible as it was seen that the fire was beyond control.

The European officers seem to be in a much better position than the Chinese to restrain the totally demoralized Hoppoists. Some of the boats were lowered but were at once over-crowded by the Hoppoists and the boats were again raised. There is a faint hope that later investigation may show the catastrophe to be the result of a plot on the part of the Chinese slaves.

years ago, which left London October 19 for Shanghai, the other steamer is of 2,317 tons, and is described as being engaged in trading locally in Chinese waters.

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—Mr. Chief Secretary Balfour has reconsidered his original intention, and has decided to visit the province of Ulster during January.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—It is officially said that the announcements made in a number of newspapers, to the effect that a meeting between the Irish leaders will place on Monday next are premature.

W. D. Webb, of the *Standard*, has published a number of false statements in newspapers here, and attributed to Mr. Gill and Mr. Parnell the statement that as Mr. Webb writes the statement that Mr. Parnell will recommend that Mr. Parnell be retained as leader of the Irish party.

Mr. Webb has also made false reports to the suspension of Meers, Philip, Abell, bullion brokers, arose from financial difficulties, and the liquidation of the firm, who has since withdrawn from the company, and the bank of the firm is unimpaired, and the credit of the firm is maintained in the stability of the house.

**A Dishonest Clerk.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Ed. Bullard, a clerk in Gillis Brothers' jewelry store, State and Washington streets, is locked up on a charge of stealing jewelry from the store. He is accused of stealing diamonds, watches and silverware from his employers. The police have already recovered from the pawnshop.

**George Weaver's Silver Wedding**  
HAMILTON, Pa., Dec. 27.—An occasion of the dinner given by Governor and Mrs. Weaver last evening to the members of the Governor's Cabinet and the members of the legislature, was made more interesting by the presentation of a silver tea service, a token of design to the host and hostess by the members of the cabinet and legislature on the occasion of the Governor's 25th anniversary. Ex-Secretary McKeen made the presentation speech.

**Kernan's New Year Attractions**  
Williams & Orr's Motors is the grandest vaudeville company ever organized in the matchless show.

**Local Weather Forecast**  
For the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia, Pa.:  
Clear, cold, with a few clouds in the afternoon.